

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An electro-optical device comprising:

an electro-optical panel having an electro-optical material;

~~a conductive terminal arranged on one side of the electro-optical panel; and~~

a holding member for holding the electro-optical panel;

a light-guide plate illuminating the electro-optical panel;

a wiring circuit board disposed in the rear of the light-guide plate;

a circuit board mounting the electro-optical panel; and

a conductive terminal disposed between the wiring circuit board and the circuit board,

~~wherein the conductive terminal is disposed on a surface inclined in a predetermined direction relative to an arrangement position of the holding member,~~
wherein the terminal is made of a conductor which is elastically deformable substantially in a contacting direction to the circuit board.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The electro-optical~~A device according to Claim 1, further comprising a fixing structure for fixing the holding member on a mounting surface of ~~an the object~~circuit board at the arrangement position.

3-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic instrument comprising:

an electro-optical device according to claim 1;

~~an the object-circuit board~~ mounting the electro-optical device and having an opposing terminal, which is brought into conductive contact with the terminal; and
controlling means for controlling the electro-optical device.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The electronic~~An instrument according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~object-circuit board~~ comprises a connector mounted thereon and having an opposing terminal.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The electronic~~An instrument according to Claim 12, wherein the ~~object-circuit board~~ is provided with a mounting terminal, which is brought into conductive contact with the connector, and has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The electronic~~An instrument according to Claim 11, wherein the opposing terminal has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.

15. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the terminal is disposed on a surface inclined in a predetermined direction relative to an arrangement position of the holding member.

16. (New) A device according to claim 15, wherein the terminal has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.

17. (New) A device according to claim 15,
wherein the terminal is disposed on the wiring circuit board.

18. (New) A device according to Claim 17, further comprising a support unit having a surface inclined in the predetermined direction, wherein the wiring circuit board is supported on the surface.

19. (New) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the support unit is at least part of illuminating means for illuminating the electro-optical panel.

20. (New) A device according to Claim 19, wherein the illuminating means comprises the light-guide plate equivalent to the support unit and a light source for introducing light inside the light-guide plate from an edge of the light-guide plate,

wherein the thickness of the light-guide plate gradually decreases in the predetermined direction, and

wherein the light source is arranged to oppose an edge of the light-guide plate disposed in a direction opposite to the predetermined direction.